

I'm writing to strongly support RM-10765, a petition for rulemaking to establish a Homeland Public Press and Information Widecast Service.

Need For Service - RM-10765 proposes the use of HF radio to disseminate emergency information to the public. HF radio is widely recognized as the medium of choice for emergency communications by the military and by civilian disaster recovery agencies. Most notable among these systems is the SHARES network. However I'm unaware that any such service aimed at civilians exists. A Homeland Public Press and Information Widecast Service will correct this inequity.

Qualification of Applicant - The applicant for RM-10765 has proved that he is qualified to organize and help provide a Homeland Public Press and Information Widecast Service. Under the authority of an experimental license he has provided a reliable, useful service of this kind that may be considered a successful prototype for the proposed service. Further, his careful, detailed draft of the proposed rules under which the Service would operate shows a deep understanding of the requirements such a service, and licensees operating in the Service, would have to meet.

In short, the establishment of the Homeland Public Press and Information Widecast Service is in the public interest, convenience and - now more than ever - necessity.

Regards,

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